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In re application of:

GNANASIVAM ET AL.

Serial No. 09/518,551

Filed: March 3, 2000

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
IMPLEMENTING RAID DEVICES IN A  
CLUSTER COMPUTER SYSTEM

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Washington D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted for the above referenced application.

Please make the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A method for managing access to an I/O device, said method comprising:  
communicatively coupling first and second nodes, having respective first and  
second bus controllers, and a logical I/O device, by means of a bus and said first and  
second bus controllers;  
receiving on said first controller a request to reserve said logical I/O device; and

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